

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in this application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended) A method to modify hydraulically setting systems, the method comprising adding an additive to the ~~Additive~~ for hydraulically setting systems, the additive comprising:
 - a) a water-soluble ether of cellulose ether and/or guar ether with a viscosity of at least approximately 20,000 mPas, measured as a 2% aqueous solution with a Brookfield viscosimeter at 20°C and 20 rpm, and
 - b) a modified polycarboxylate, ~~whose~~ of which the main chain is linked via ester, ether, imide and/or amide groups with polyethylene oxide-containing side chains,
wherein there are approximately 0.05 to 1.5 parts by weight water-soluble ether a) for approximately 1 part by weight modified polycarboxylate b).
2. (cancelled).
3. (currently amended) The method ~~Additive~~ according to claim 1 wherein there are approximately ~~approximately~~ 0.1 to 1.0 parts by weight water-soluble ether a) for approximately 1 part by weight modified polycarboxylate b).
4. (cancelled).
5. (currently amended) The method ~~Additive~~ according to claim 1 wherein the water-soluble ether a) is a cellulose ether with a degree of substitution of approximately 1.2 to 2.9.
6. (currently amended) The method ~~Additive~~ according to claim 1 wherein the water-soluble ether a) comprises alkoxy etherification groups.

7. (currently amended) The method Additive according to claim 6 wherein the alkoxy groups are chosen from methoxy, ethoxy and/or propoxy groups.
8. (cancelled).
9. (currently amended) The method Additive according to claim 1, wherein the additive further comprises ~~comprising~~ agents for controlling the setting rate and strength structure, defoamers, organic or inorganic binders, water repellents, surfactants, pigments, fillers, quartz powder and/or calcium carbonate.
10. (currently amended) The method Additive according to claim 1, wherein the additive further comprises ~~comprising~~ an organic binder in the form of a dispersion powder.
11. (currently amended) The method Additive according to claim 1 wherein, based on approximately 1 part by weight of a mixture of components a) and b), ~~the~~ the additive contains at least approximately 0.005 parts by weight additives, excluding binders.
12. (currently amended) The method Additive according to claim 9, wherein the additive further comprises an organic binder, and there are at least approximately 1 part by weight organic binder for 1 part by weight of the mixture of components a) and b).
13. (cancelled).
14. (cancelled).
15. (cancelled).
16. (cancelled).

17. (cancelled).

18. (cancelled).

19. (cancelled).

20. (cancelled).

21. (cancelled).

22. (new) A hydraulically setting mixture obtained by the method according to claim
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